

# Town of Port Hedland & Care for Hedland Sustainability News

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## Town of Port Hedland backs local native seed facility



The Town of Port Hedland has recently awarded Pilbara Ecological a sustainability grant to establish a native seed processing and storage facility in Wedgefield.

Pilbara Ecological is an award-winning, multidisciplinary environmental company that specialises in native seed supply, weed management, research, mapping and monitoring.

The Pilbara region is a diverse, yet highly impacted environment, and this project will address the urgent need for a local native seed supply to support ecological restoration efforts as mining operations evolve.

Currently, most native seeds for Pilbara projects come from Perth. This new facility changes that by providing local storage, processing, and training to support industry, government, and the community. Equipped with specialised machinery and cool storage, it ensures top-quality seed management for sustainable revegetation.

Led by Nick Tidmarsh, Pilbara Ecological has 20 years of expertise in native seed collection. With big resource companies already seeking local solutions, this initiative strengthens Port Hedland's environmental future as collaboration with our community and stakeholders creates a positive impact.

## Start your veggie patch from scratch!

With temperatures still high, now is the perfect time to prepare your veggie patches, raised beds, and pots for the upcoming growing season.

Start by enriching your soil with compost, worm castings, and manure, ensuring nutrients are within the top 5cm–70cm for easy root access. Finish with a thick layer of pea straw mulch to retain moisture and regulate temperature.

Hot tip: April is the best time to plant as conditions are ideal (We recommend late April/after ANZAC day)

If you need some help on getting started, Care for Hedland has you covered. We can provide a customised, planting guide calendar fridge magnet to help you understand what to plant and when!

Want some hands-on experience too? Join us at the RSL Community Garden (Hedditch St, South Hedland) every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7:00am – 8:00am. Everyone is welcome and we can't wait to see your veggie patches thrive!



Step 1: Pull out any weeds and get your raised veggie garden beds ready!



Step 2: Layer and prepare your soil for veggie growing season (end of April!)



Step 3: Finalise your soil preparation with a thick mulch layer



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### MONTHLY REPORTING METRICS FEB 2025

50.88 tonnes  
kerbside recycling

451.48 tonnes  
waste to landfill

2178 kilolitres  
recycled water usage

431 children  
engaged in SI

1565 adults  
engaged in SI

0.482 tonnes  
litter collected

SI = Sustainability Initiatives  
\*Eligible containers